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Mr. Robert P. Gordon
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Re: Brookhaven National Laboratory
Site ID: 152009

Dear Mr. Gordon:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation (Department) has reviewed the Draft Annual Schedules Update/Report for Site Removal and Remedial Actions, dated November 2021. The Department finds it to be acceptable. Suggestions are provided for consideration when submitting the next report for 2022. If you have any questions, please contact me at brian.jankauskas@dec.ny.gov.

Regards,

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1. BNL has proposed Operable Unit (OU) numbers to EPA for consideration. The final version of the OU numbers should be included in future schedules that identify the OUs (e.g., HFBR and BGRR). This pertains to discussion, Table 1-2, and Figure 1.
2. Table 1-2 - Tasks within Table 1-2 should be adjusted annually to reflect current priorities. The current table identifies OUIII Tritium Removal Action towards the top of the table, but Petition for Closure was approved in 2019. This action would appear to be a lesser priority when compared to other activities identified in the table (e.g., OUVI treatment system operating).
3. Page 18 Operable Unit V - The Department would like a copy of the updated Peconic River Fish Surveillance Monitoring Data Quality Objective.
4. The anticipated schedule for submission of the OUVIII Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan for PFAS and 1,4 Dioxane of May 2023 is projected a significant time into the future. The May 4, 2021, correspondence suggested that the proposed activities will be focused for the Remedial Investigation. The Department understands that BNL is performing a PFAS Removal Action and conducting some groundwater sampling activities by completing vertical profile points and installing monitoring wells, but any steps that can be taken to expedite this activity is encouraged.